GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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KAYAMKULAM POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of power generated from the Naphtha based Kayamkulam power station of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is very high due to high cost of Naphtha;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to supply Naphtha at cheaper rates or convert the plant to coal based in order to reduce the cost of the power generation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. The variable charges for Kayamkulam power are high. The prevailing rate of naphtha is Rs.24727.57/MT and the variable charge is around Rs.4.5 per Kilo Watt Hour (kWh). Alternative fuel for Kayamkulam is Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)/Gas. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is making efforts for sourcing of LNG at competitive rates for use in its expansion plan of Kayamkulam as well as in Stage-I of the Station.